



The U.S. Secretary of State's Office of Global Women's Issues Launches Its Small Grant Competition to Promote Women's Advancement

The Secretary's Office of Global Women's Issues (S/GWI) is pleased to announce the launch of a global small grants initiative designed to fund projects around the world that promote women's political, economic and social advancement. Project proposals should not exceed \$100,000 or eighteen months in duration.

Project initiatives through this fund could include, but are not limited to, the following themes:

- *Education*: women's literacy and innovative ways to keep girls in school and help ensure safety while attending school; also, health education initiatives;
- *Food security*: supporting small holder female farmers through women's leadership and property rights training and land tenure reform advocacy initiatives;
- *Climate change*: support to women's community groups for training in adaptation and mitigation, and enhanced participation of women in climate change problem solving;
- *Gender-based violence*: support to NGOs or community-based resource centers in combating gender-based violence;
- *Economic opportunity*: programs to provide training in business and management through mentoring, and support for women's artisan groups for product design, marketing, and related needs;
- *Legal reform*: judicial and law enforcement training initiatives; promoting women's property rights; and equal access to justice.

Proposals should not exceed six pages in length and must include the following:

- a statement clearly identifying the problem to be addressed;
- a summary of the proposed program;
- a project description, including specific activities;
- desired outcomes and performance measures;
- a detailed budget of no more than \$100,000; and
- a description of the project-implementing organization, including its technical and management capacity.

Proposals will be evaluated in Washington based on how effectively the proposal addresses the issue(s) described in the problem statement, the sustainability of program accomplishments, the capacity of the grantee to account for the funds and ensure that funds are spent for the intended purposes, and the expected results. Priority will be given to proposals that describe a project that, if successful, would have the potential to be expanded to reach a broader community.

Questions and proposals can be sent via e-mail to TashkentGrant@state.gov in English, Uzbek or Russian. Supporting documents and applications for organizations that do not have access to e-mail can be sent to the following address: Embassy of the United States of America, Public Affairs Section, 3 Moyqorqon Street, 5th Block, Yunusobod District, Tashkent 100093, Uzbekistan.

All proposals must be submitted by **January 29, 2010**.